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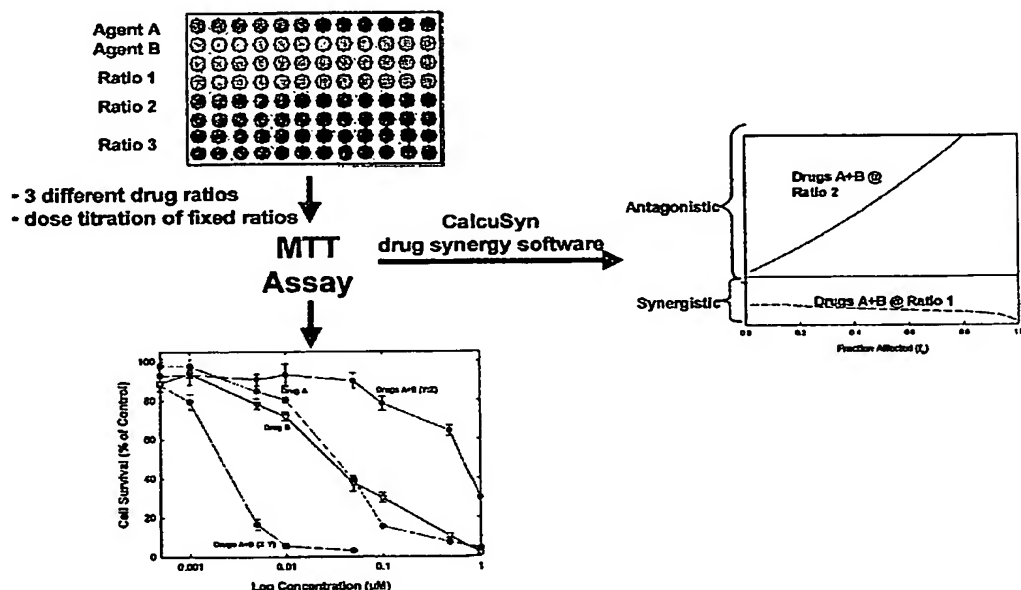
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(54) Title: METHODS TO INDIVIDUALIZE COMBINATION THERAPY



(57) Abstract: Compositions which comprise delivery vehicles having stably associated therewith predetermined, patient-specific combinations of two or more agents, such as antineoplastic agents, are useful in achieving optimal therapeutic effects on a patient-by-patient basis when combinations of drugs are administered.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>BEPLER G ET AL: "ADDITIVE AND DIFFERENTIAL BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF ALPHA INTERFERON A DIFLUOROMETHYLORNITHINE AND THEIR COMBINATION ON ESTABLISHED HUMAN LUNG CANCER CELL LINES"</p> <p>CANCER RESEARCH, vol. 46, no. 7, 1986, pages 3413-3419, XP009036764 ISSN: 0008-5472 abstract page 3417, left-hand column, last paragraph - right-hand column, last paragraph</p> <p>----- -/--</p>	1-16, 22-25

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X	OSAKI S-I ET AL: "Alteration of drug chemosensitivity caused by the adenovirus-mediated transfer of the wild-type p53 gene in human lung cancer cells" CANCER GENE THERAPY 2000 UNITED STATES, vol. 7, no. 2, 2000, pages 300-307, XP002297132 ISSN: 0929-1903 abstract	1-16, 22-25
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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claim 21 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition. The same remark applies to claims 22 to 25 which encompass method steps carried out on the human/animal body.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 17-21

The compositions in claims 17 and 18 are defined by reference to a method of preparation which definition does not characterise the "therapeutic agents" neither the "ratio of the first to the second therapeutic agent". The single characterising features which are imparted to the composition by its method of preparation are the presence of two therapeutic agents, each associated with a delivery vehicle. However, the number of compositions which fall within this definition is so large that a meaningful search for said claims is rendered impossible. It is impossible to determine which parts of the claims may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT).

The same objection applies to the claims defining uses of said compositions, for the same reasons. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 19 to 21 cannot be searched in a meaningful way.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claim 21 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition. The same remark applies to claims 22 to 25 which encompass method steps carried out on the human/animal body.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17-21
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.